

## Intervention: School-based and school-linked dental sealant delivery programs

Finding: Sufficient evidence for effectiveness

### Potential partners to undertake the intervention:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofits or local coalitions                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses or labor organizations          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools or universities               | <input type="checkbox"/> Media                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health care providers                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local public health departments |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State public health departments       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policymakers                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals, clinics or managed care organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                                     |

### Background on the intervention:

The Community Guide is a well respected source of evidence-based practices in public health. With guidance from the Task Force on Community Preventive Services, its staff summarizes what is known about the effectiveness, economic efficiency, and feasibility of interventions to promote community health and prevent disease for a variety of topics. For more information on school-based and school-linked dental sealant delivery programs, see The Community Guide's chapter on [oral health](http://www.thecommunityguide.org/oral/) - <http://www.thecommunityguide.org/oral/>.

### Findings from the systematic reviews:

Systematic reviews provided sufficient evidence for effectiveness.

### Limitations/Comments:

See The Community Guide's chapter on [oral health](http://www.thecommunityguide.org/oral/) - <http://www.thecommunityguide.org/oral/>.

### Additional information:

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services subcontracts with the Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin to administer mini-grants for school-linked dental sealant programs across the state. The Seal-a-Smile Program delivered sealants to almost 3,000 Wisconsin children during the 2003-2004 school year. For more information on the Seal-a-Smile Program, see the [DHFS Web site](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health/SealASmile.htm) – [http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral\\_Health/SealASmile.htm](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health/SealASmile.htm).

For more information on the [program's accomplishments](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health/taskforce/), see: [http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral\\_Health/taskforce/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/health/Oral_Health/taskforce/).